

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system, said server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer device, wherein said server-based shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from a particular user client computer device of a plurality of user client computer devices, a request input by a user for an electronic mail delivery notification service by a carrier system for shipping a particular parcel and an input by the user of parcel specifications for the particular parcel; and

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, display to a display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, as to the particular parcel, a simultaneous identification of shipping charges for each delivery service offered by the respective carrier to ship the particular parcel according to the parcel shipping specifications.

2. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a user request for an electronic mail delivery notification service by a carrier system for the particular parcel, a user input by the user of a selection of an electronic mail delivery notification indicator.

3. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer

system of Claim 2, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

store in a database, a record corresponding to the particular user and to the particular parcel, said record comprising information about the request for electronic mail delivery notification.

4. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by the respective carrier, calculate a respective service charge for delivering the respective particular parcel via the respective service, wherein each said respective service charge is calculated according to at least one electronic mail delivery notification rule for the respective service offered by the respective carrier; and

generate a simultaneous online display of the respective service charges to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user.

5. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate a simultaneous online display, to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, of a plurality of respective service charges associated with shipping the particular parcel, wherein each respective service charge of the plurality of respective service charges is calculated according to a respective set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for the respective delivery service offered by the

respective carrier and according to a respective set of service-specific rules of the respective delivery service for shipping said particular parcel.

6. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate a simultaneous online display to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, of a plurality of shipping rates, wherein each shipping rate of the plurality of shipping rates corresponds to a respective delivery service offered by a particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, wherein each shipping rate of the plurality of shipping rates includes an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the respective delivery service shipping the particular parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for the respective delivery service.

Claims 7-27 (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system, said server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said server-based shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from a particular user client computer devices of a plurality of user client computer devices, a request input by a user for a verbal delivery notification service by a carrier for shipping a particular parcel and an input by the user of parcel specifications for the particular parcel; and

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, display to a display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, as to the particular parcel, a

simultaneous identification of shipping charges for each delivery service offered by the respective carrier to ship the particular parcel according to the parcel shipping specifications.

29. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 28, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a user request for a verbal notification service by a carrier for the particular parcel, a user input by the user of a selection of a verbal delivery notification indicator.

30. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 29, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

store in a database, a record corresponding to the particular user and to the particular parcel, said record comprising information about the request for verbal delivery notification.

31. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 30, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by the respective carrier, calculate a respective service charge for delivering the respective particular parcel via the respective service, wherein each said respective service charge is calculated according to at least one verbal delivery notification rule for the respective service offered by the respective carrier; and

generate a simultaneous online display of the respective service charges to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user.

32. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 30, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate a simultaneous online display, to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, of a plurality of respective service charges associated with shipping the particular parcel, wherein each respective service charge of the plurality of respective service charges is calculated according to a respective set of verbal delivery notification rules for the respective delivery service offered by the respective carrier and according to a respective set of service-specific rules of the respective delivery service for shipping said particular parcel.

33. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 30, said server-based shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate a simultaneous online display, to the display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, of a plurality of shipping rates, wherein each shipping rate of the plurality of shipping rates corresponds to a respective delivery service offered by a particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, wherein each shipping rate of the plurality of shipping rates includes a verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the respective delivery service shipping the particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for the respective delivery service.

Claims 34 - 48 (Cancelled).

49. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system, said server-based shipping management computer system comprising at

least one server computer device, wherein said server-based shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from a particular user client computer device of a plurality of user client computer devices, a request input by a user for a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a particular parcel and an input by the user of parcel specifications for the particular parcel; and

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide each of the plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping the particular parcel according to the request, display to a display device configured for communication with the particular user client computer device of the user, as to the particular parcel, a simultaneous identification of shipping charges for each delivery service offered by the respective carrier to ship the particular parcel according to the parcel shipping specifications.

50. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system, said server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer device, wherein said server-based shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from an at least one respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel; [[and]]

calculate a service-specific, carrier-specific delivery notification service charge by each delivery service offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that each delivery service offered by each respective carrier would support for delivery of the respective particular parcel; and

display to a display device configured for communication with a user client computer device associated with the at least one respective user, a simultaneous identification of each service-specific, carrier-specific delivery notification service charge.

51. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

simultaneously identify to ~~[[each]]~~a respective user of a plurality of users, in response to ~~[[each]]~~the respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective parcel, each delivery service offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user for delivery of the respective parcel.

52. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

displaying to ~~[[each]]~~a respective user of a plurality of users, in response to ~~[[each]]~~the respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective parcel, a simultaneous identification of each delivery service offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide the delivery notification service options requested by the respective user for shipping the respective parcel.

Claims 53 - 57 (Cancelled).

58. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system that is configured for:

(A) allowing a user to select, via a notification option selection, an electronic mail delivery notification option to be offered in conjunction with ~~at least one delivery service~~a delivery of a parcel;

(B) receiving said notification option selection from said user;

(C) in response to receiving said notification option selection:

(1) identifying, from a plurality of carriers, a first carrier that would offer an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel, and

(2) identifying, from said plurality of carriers, a second carrier that would offer an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel;

(D) for each delivery service offered by said first carrier, using a first set of electronic mail delivery notification rules defined by said first carrier for the respective delivery service to calculate a first respective service-specific service charge that said first carrier would charge for providing an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel according to the respective delivery service;

(E) for each delivery service offered by said second carrier, using a second set of electronic mail delivery notification rules defined by said second carrier for the respective delivery service to calculate a second respective service-specific service charge that said second carrier would charge for providing an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel according to the respective delivery service; and

(F) simultaneously displaying on a display screen associated with said user:

(1) a first respective service-specific shipping charge that said first carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel according to a first respective delivery service offered by said first carrier, said first respective service-specific shipping charge calculated to include ~~[[said]]~~ a first respective service-specific service charge associated with the first respective delivery service providing an electronic mail delivery notification for the delivery of the parcel, ~~[[and]]~~

(2) a second respective service-specific shipping charge that said first carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said delivery of the parcel according to a second respective delivery service offered by said first carrier, said second respective service-specific shipping charge calculated to include a second respective service-specific service charge associated with the second respective delivery service providing an electronic mail delivery notification for the delivery of the parcel,

(~~[[2]]~~3) a ~~second~~ third respective service-specific shipping charge that said second carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said ~~at least one delivery service~~ delivery of the parcel according to a third respective delivery service offered by the second carrier, said ~~second~~ third respective service-specific shipping charge calculated to include ~~[[said]]~~ a second third respective service-specific service charge associated with the third respective delivery service providing an electronic mail delivery notification for the delivery of the parcel, and

(4) a fourth respective service-specific shipping charge that said second carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said delivery of the parcel according to a fourth respective delivery service offered by said second carrier, said fourth respective service-specific shipping charge calculated to include a fourth respective service-specific service charge associated with the fourth respective delivery service providing an electronic mail delivery notification for the delivery of the parcel.

59. (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising one or more computer devices, said shipping management computer system being configured for:

allowing a user to request that a particular carrier deliver a particular parcel to a particular location;

allowing said user to request notification, via e-mail, confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location;

allowing said user to specify: (A) a first e-mail address to which an e-mail notification is to be sent confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location; and (B) a second e-mail address to which an e-mail notification is to be sent confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location;

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending a first e-mail message to said first e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location; and

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending a second e-mail message to said second e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location.

60. (Withdrawn) The shipping management computer system of Claim 59, wherein said computer system is configured for:

allowing a user to specify a customized message to be provided along with an e-mail confirming delivery of said particular package to said particular location.

61. (Withdrawn) The shipping management computer system of Claim 60, wherein said computer system is configured for:

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending a first e-mail to said first e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel, said first e-mail including said customized message; and

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending a second e-mail message to said second e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel, said second e-mail including said customized message.

62. (Withdrawn) The shipping management computer system of Claim 61, wherein said computer system is configured for:

allowing said user to specify a third e-mail address to which an e-mail

notification is to be sent confirming delivery of said particular parcel; and

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending a third e-mail to said third e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel, said third e-mail including said customized message.

63. (Withdrawn) The shipping management computer system of Claim 59, wherein said computer system is configured for:

allowing said user to specify a third e-mail address to which an e-mail notification is to be sent confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location;

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location:

sending a first e-mail to said first e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location;

sending a second e-mail to said second e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location; and

sending a third e-mail to said third e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location.

64. (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising one or more computer devices, said shipping management computer system being configured for:

allowing a user to request that a particular carrier deliver a particular parcel to a particular location;

allowing said user to request notification, via e-mail, confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location; and

allowing said user to provide a customized message to be included in an e-mail confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location.

65. (Withdrawn) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64,

wherein said computer system is configured for:

allowing said user to specify an e-mail address to which an e-mail notification is to be sent confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location; and

in response to said particular parcel being delivered to said particular location, sending an e-mail to said e-mail address confirming delivery of said particular parcel to said particular location, said e-mail including said customized message.